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SUBJ: BREZHNEV'S TRIP TO CUBA AND HIS HEALTH

1. ACCORDING TO CANADIAN EMBASSY SOURCE, SOVIET WITH KGB AFFILIATIONS MENTIONED IN PASSING JANUARY 16 THAT BREZHNEV'S TRIP TO CUBA HAS BEEN "DELAYED." EARLIER IN WEEK, SOVIETS HAD REQUESTED THAT VALIDITY OF CANADIAN TRANSIT VISA FOR ADVANCE COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST FOR BREZHNEV PARTY BE DELAYED UNTIL JANUARY 23. GERMAN EMBASSY SOURCES CLAIM TO BE CERTAIN THAT BREZHNEV WILL BEGIN TRIP JANUARY 27.

2. SEPTEL REPORTS SOVIET REQUEST FOR US VISAS FOR TWO CREWMEN TO TRANSIT NEW YORK JANUARY 20.

3. MEANWHILE, REPORTS ARE CIRCULATING IN MOSCOW ABOUT BREZHNEV ALLEGEDLY BEING IN ILL HEALTH. DURING FAREWELL CALL ON JANUARY 3, PODGORNIY TOLD JAPANESE AMBASSADOR THAT BREZHNEV COULD NOT RECEIVE HIM BECAUSE HE WAS ILL. (BREZHNEV SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JANUARY 10 SO THIS ILLNESS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN SERIOUS.) FRG EMBOFF REPORTED ON JANUARY 17 THAT GERMAN CORRESPONDENT HAD HEARD OVER THE WEEKEND THAT BREZHNEV HAD SUFFERED "APOPLECTIC

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STROKE JANUARY 11. FRG EMBOFF DESCRIBED CORRESPONDENT AS HIGHLY RELIABLE BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHO WAS ORIGINAL SOURCE

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